CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT: Silvia Tirado Bazan de DURAN

1. In response to the verbal request of Mr. Slawson of your staff, I forward details on the political background and recent activity of Silvia Tirado Bazan de DURAN.

2. A high official of the Mexican Government, in a position to know the facts, has indicated that no Mexican has worked for the Cuban Embassy in Mexico since 1959 who is not a completely convinced Communist. Both Mrs. DURAN and her husband were listed in the Mexican security organization's files as members of the Mexican Communist Party.

3. As of the date of this letter, Mr. DURAN continues to live at Avenida Constituyentes Number 3, Apartment 3. Mrs. DURAN, however, is out of circulation and her whereabouts are unknown. It is reported that she has not worked at the Cuban Embassy or at any other job since her detainment for interrogation on the OSWALD case. Mr. DURAN refuses to state where she is, except for the indication that "she is outside of Mexico". It is believed by the official cited in paragraph 2 above that Mrs. DURAN is being hidden out by the Cubans.

Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

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